



# Providence-Fall River-Warwick

## Selected Indicators

This fact sheet presents recent **employment and unemployment** figures for the Providence-Fall River-Warwick Metropolitan Statistical Area, the state of Rhode Island, and the United States. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The **Producer Price Index (PPI)** measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in long-term contracts. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits.

Consumer Price Index (1982-84) = 100	April 2006	April 2007	Percent change
<b>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</b>			
U.S. City Average	201.5	206.686	2.6
Northeast	214.7	219.501	2.2
<b>Urban Wage Earners &amp; Clerical Workers</b>			
U.S. City Average	197.2	202.130	2.5
Northeast	211.0	215.802	2.3
<b>Producer Price Index, U.S. (1982 = 100)</b>	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>April 2007<sup>(p)</sup></b>	<b>Percent change</b>
Finished goods	160.7	165.8	3.2
All commodities	164.3	171.2	4.2
Industrial commodities	168.8	173.7	2.9

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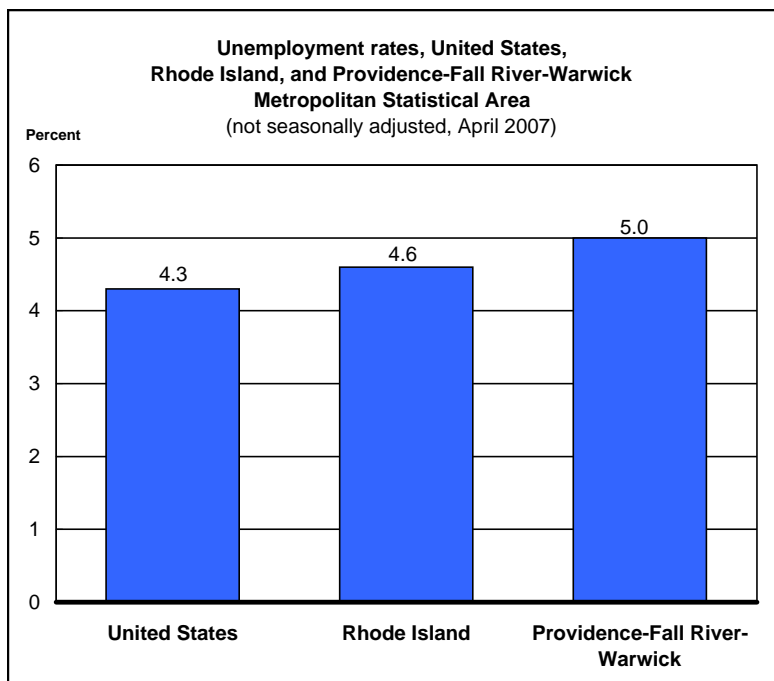
## Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Area	April 2006	April 2007 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	6,804.0	6,532.0	-272.0	-4.0
Rhode Island	29.7	26.5	-3.2	-10.8
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	38.6	35.2	-3.4	-8.8

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Employment Cost Index (December 2005 = 100)	March 2006	March 2007	Percent change
<b>Total Compensation-Private Industry</b>			
United States	100.8	104.0	3.2
Northeast	100.9	104.0	3.1
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
<b>Wages and Salaries-Private Industry</b>			
United States	100.7	104.3	3.6
Northeast	100.8	104.0	3.2
New England	100.7	103.6	2.9
<b>Occupational Wages (selected occupations)</b>	<b>Mean hourly wage (May 2006)</b>		
<b>Providence-Fall River-Warwick</b>			
Education, training, and library	\$23.36		
Healthcare practitioner and technical	\$31.45		
Food preparation and serving related	\$9.85		
Sales and related	\$15.35		
Office and administrative support	\$15.13		
Construction and extraction	\$20.73		
Installation, maintenance, and repair	\$18.94		
Production	\$14.37		
Transportation and material moving	\$13.41		

## Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)



Area	April 2006	April 2007 <sup>(p)</sup>	Net change	Percent change
United States	135,802.0	137,668.0	1,866.0	1.4
Rhode Island	493.8	496.9	3.1	0.6
Providence-Fall River-Warwick	585.9	585.2	-0.7	-0.2

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## Providence-Fall River-Warwick MSA payroll employment by major industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

Industry	April 2006	April 2007 <sup>(p)</sup>
Total nonfarm	585.9	585.2
Construction	28.2	29.2
Manufacturing	69.0	65.6
Trade, transportation and utilities	102.3	101.5
Financial activities	37.7	38.9
Professional and business	62.9	63.7
Education and health services	113.6	114.4
Government	74.9	75.0

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Note: Total includes industries not shown separately.

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